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In the absence of Mr. Koterec (Slovakia), Mr. Arias (Spain), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (*continued*) (E/2012/77-A/67/89; E/2012/85; and E2012/L.11)

A panel discussion on the topic "Partnerships for effective humanitarian assistance in support of national, regional and international efforts", chaired by Mr. Arias (Spain), Vice-President of the Council, and moderated by Ms. Valerie Amos (Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs; Emergency Relief Coordinator), was held. The Chair made a statement and introduced the panellists: Mr. David Droga (Creative Chairman, Droga5) and Mr. Bekele Geleta (Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies). The panellists made statements and an interactive dialogue, in which the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Germany, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia, the United States of America, Indonesia, Switzerland, the Republic of Korea and the World Food Programme and the observers for Kenya, Algeria, Sweden and the European Union participated, ensued. The panellists responded to questions and comments, including those received via social media, and the moderator made concluding remarks.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.